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A Look at the Future of Procurement

The STRIPES Team continues to examine how each field office is currently executing procurement and what, if any, software they currently have in place. As part of this initiative, our Senior Executive sponsors (including the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Chief Information Officer (CIO), Senior Procurement Executive and the Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO)) were briefed on IBM's recommendation to purchase the STRIPES Solution from Compusearch, a leading commercial off-the self (COTS) software company. Each of these Senior Executives provided their support for IBM's recommendation of Compusearch's PRISM application. Based on these positive steps, the I-MANAGE Executive Steering Committee was briefed on October 25 and granted STRIPES formal approval to proceed. The I-MANAGE Steering Committee is comprised of leadership from NNSA, SC, EM, EE, HSS (formerly SSA), HR, MA, and a representative from the Power Marketing Administrations, as well as the CFO, CIO and CAO.

In discussing IBM's recommendation with our Sponsors, we presented our analysis of the initial three agencies recognized by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) as Grants Management Line of Business (GMLoB) Consortium providers. These three agencies are currently using Government Off-the-Shelf (GOTS) software which minimizes user licensing fees. For FY 2007 the GMLoB Consortia Recommendation Committee recommended to OMB and the Grant's Executive Board to add an additional three GMLoB Consortium providers for a total of six.

The three new GMLoB Consortium providers recommended have not yet been made public, but an announcement is expected in early FY 2007. As a result, the STRIPES Team agreed to proceed with the acquisition portion only until the STRIPES Financial Assistance (FA) component can be fully assessed against the new alternatives for GMLoB Consortia. With the STRIPES Team now focused solely on developing the best possible acquisition system, the additional analysis of the GMLoB decision will allow resources to support other areas of the project.

The STRIPES Project Team members continue to focus on defining and validating procurement business processes that will incorporate the best practices from across the Department's offices. In addition to this business process



In the Spotlight

Financial Assistance Activity at DOE

In FY 2005, approximately 9% of all DOE contracting dollars went to financial assistance, while the remaining 91% was spent on acquisitions. The STRIPES Team will continue to implement an acquisition system for the majority of all contracting dollars spent.

In FY 2006 OMB identified three initial GMLoB Consortia Lead Agencies. The three agencies are:

- the Department of Education,
- the Department of Health and Human Services, and
- the National Science Foundation

They were designated based on their current or planned grants management systems. The STRIPES Team has reviewed all three agencies in light of our financial assistance needs. For FY 2007 three additional agencies were recommended to be added to the list of approved Consortia Lead Agencies. The STRIPES FA team will add the evaluation of these alternatives to our analysis to determine the best approach to recommend on behalf of DOE.

re-engineering assessments, the team is also planning trips to selected field offices. The purpose of these additional trips will be to conduct detailed assessments of training and communication needs, review the work that has been completed to date, and provide an opportunity to discuss functional and technical issues. Finally, the STRIPES Technical Team is collaborating with the Application Hosting Environment (AHE), Compusearch – the solution provider, and I-MANAGE resources to develop the architecture design solution, identify systems integration points and address Cyber Security guidelines.

The STRIPES Team is excited about the progress we have made so far and is looking forward to commencing the process of installing and configuring the solution that demonstrates the new procurement business practices. Keep an eye out in the spring of 2007 for more information about the configured system environment.

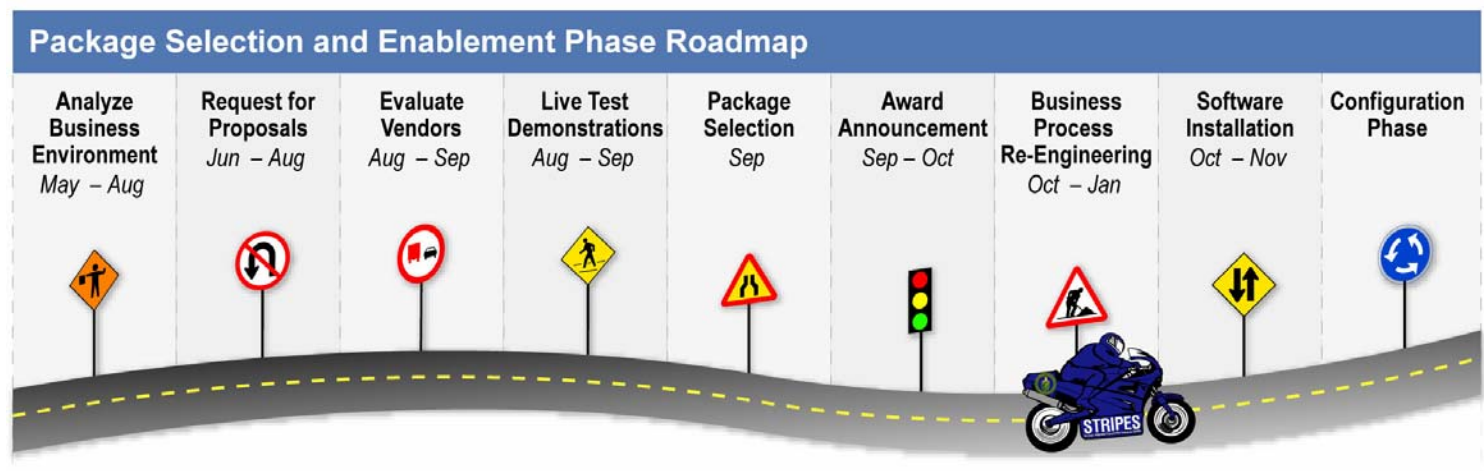
STRIPES Team Continues to Streamline and Standardize Procurement

The STRIPES Functional Team has been soliciting forms, reports and procedural information from over a dozen field offices, all in order to design a system that includes the best practices from across DOE that takes advantage of standard business practices. Although each office has slight variations, the STRIPES Functional Team has found the vast majority of business processes to be very similar. This is good news that means most DOE offices will be able to transition onto STRIPES fairly easily.

I-MANAGE Program Manager Warren Huffer recognizes that some people may not be comfortable with words like “streamline” and “standardize”; however, he believes “it is really just another way of saying that STRIPES is going to allow us to be more efficient as a Department.” He went on to say, “we need to think of this as an opportunity to incorporate the best ideas across DOE to create a best-in-class procurement system.”

The STRIPES Functional Team will continue reaching out to field offices to ensure that their processes and procedures are captured and used as input into the STRIPES design. For more information on the STRIPES Functional Acquisitions Team, contact Scott Stephenson in Savannah River at scott.stephenson@srs.gov.

The Road to a Procurement Solution



There's a lot of dust in the rearview mirror as we progress toward the final stages of the Package Selection and Enablement Phase. So often we wish for quicker results – wishing the process was over and we had reached the finish line. However, modernizing and streamlining an e-procurement system is a complex process and requires we make the right moves at the right time, so stay tuned for more information on the progress of STRIPES.

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